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The second part consists of descriptions of the Echini of the Eastern coast of the United States, with a report on those collected by Pourtalés in the deeper parts of the straits of Florida.

The forty-nine plates are lithographs, Woodbury types and Albertypes, and each is used with great success in delineating these forms so difficult to render, and expensive both as regards time and money. For such objects as Echini photography proves invaluable.

AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGY.\*—Those who are interested in this subject will welcome this as a very convenient and useful volume, the entire reliability of which is assured by the author's evident familiarity with the birds treated, as well as by the able critical editorship of his manuscripts. It is likewise a comprehensive treatise, four hundred and twenty-eight species being included. Specimens of nearly all of these have been reexamined and identified by Mr. Gurney, to whom we owe their nomenclature and arrangement, as well as the technical portions of the work, Mr. Andersson's portion being that of a naturalist in the field. The complete title of the work, below quoted, sufficiently shows its plan and scope, while general praise of the mode of execution would be entirely superfluous. A point of interest for American ornithologists is the authentic record of *Tringa Bairdii*† as a bird of South Africa.—E. C.

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\* Notes on the Birds of Damara Land and the adjacent countries of south-west Africa. By the late Charles John Andersson, author of, etc. Arranged and edited by John Henry Gurney, with some additional notes by the editor, and an introductory chapter containing a sketch of the Author's life, abridged from the original, published in Sweden. London. John Van Voorst, 1872. 8vo, pp. xlviii, 394.

† Mr. Harting's supposition that this species has never been figured is not quite correct. Soon after its original description, a life-size colored plate of two figures was executed, I think by Mr. Cassin, in Philadelphia. I had proofs in my possession for sometime before I lost them, and I believe there are others extant in the Smithsonian. But I had nothing to do with the matter, never knew for what, if any, work the plate was intended, and cannot say whether or not it was ever published. The following summary, probably approaching completeness, of the literature of the species, is subjoined for convenience of reference:

? *Chorlito lomo negro* AZARA, sec. Sci. et Salv.

? "*Tringa melanota* VIEILLOT."

? "*Tringa dorsalis* MEYER et LICHT."

? *Tringa pectoralis* CASSIN, Gilliss' Exp. 1855, ii, 195.

*Tringa Schinzii* WOODHOUSE, Sitgreave's Exp. 1853, 100, Excl. syn., nec Brehm.

*Tringa Bonapartii* CASSIN, Baird's B. N. A. 1858, 722 (*partim*) nec Schlegel. HAYDEN, Geol. & Nat. Hist. of the Upper Missouri, 1862, 174. ("Water courses of the North-west.")

*Tringa maculata* SCHLEGEL, Mus. Pays-Bas, *Scolopaces*, 1864, 39 (*partim*).

*Actodromas Bairdii* COUES, Proc. Phila. Acad. 1861, 194. ("N. Am., E. of R. Mts.")—